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SUBJECT: MARITIME REVIEW TALKS; TU-144 FLIGHTS

1. DURING LUNCHEON DISCUSSION MAY 25, IGOR AVERIN, CHIEF OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, MINISTRY OF THE MARITIME FLEET, SAID HE HAD CONFIRMED BY TELEX TO MARAD HIS ACCEPTANCE OF JULY 7 - 13 DATES FOR US-USSR MARITIME AGREEMENT REVIEW TALKS.

2. AVERIN SAID HE IS HAVING A LITTLE TROUBLE ARRANGING FLIGHT FOR GROUP TO SOVIET CENTRAL ASIA ON SUPERSONIC TU-144 BUT INTENDS TO PURSUE WITH HIS FRIEND, DEPUTY MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION PAVLOV. ACCORDING TO AVERIN, MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION IS STICKY IN PERMITTING ANY FOREIGN VISITORS TO RIDE TU-144 UNLESS UNDER ITS OWN AUSPICES.

3. AVERIN SAID THAT DELEGATION WOULD FLY TO ALMA ATA, THEN BY CONNECTING FLIGHT TO SAMARKAND OR TASHKENT.

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4. ASKED ABOUT TU-144 FLIGHTS TO Khabarovsk, WHICH HAD BEEN MENTIONED TO BEGIN APRIL 1, AVERIN SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME "DISCUSSION" OF SUCH FLIGHTS, BUT THEY ARE NOT TAKING PLACE. ACCORDING TO AVERIN, MOSCOW-KHABAROVSK EXCEEDS THE PRESENT RANGE OF TU-144.

5. COMMENT: MOSCOW-KHABAROVSK IS ABOUT TWICE AS FAR AS

MOSCOW - ALMA ATA, BUT IN DISCUSSING POSSIBILITIES OF  
KHABAROVSK ROUTE WITH US, PAVLOV NEVER CONCEDED THAT IT  
EXCEEDED THE TU-144'S RANGE. MATLOCK

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